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Attorney Docket No. 054103/0101.

Group Art Unit: 3622

Examiner: V. Luong

For: FLYWHEEL ASSEMBLY FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE (as revised)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

In response to the final Office Action dated February 13, 2001, it is respectfully requested that the above-referenced reissue application be further amended as follows:

Column 4, lines 1-21, please delete the paragraph at lines 1-21 and replace with the following paragraph:

-- A flywheel body 5 of an annular shape is fixed to the elastic plate 2 at their respective outer peripheral edge portions 5a and 2b through a plurality of bolts 6 and corresponding reinforcing members 7 disposed between the elastic plate 2 and heads of the bolts 6. The annular flywheel body 5 has a stepped inner peripheral edge surface defining a mounting opening 5b for receiving the reinforcing member 4 therein. The stepped inner peripheral edge surface has a first section 5c extending axially, a second section 5d extending radially outward from the first section 5c and a third section 5e extending axially from the second section 5d. The axial section 4a of the reinforcing member 4 is in a slidable contact with the first section 5c of the flywheel body 5, and the radial section 4b of the reinforcing member 4 is spaced from the second section 5d of the flywheel body 5 by a

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